

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF GURUKULS UNDER RURAL TOURISM SCHEME
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to set up Gurukuls in villages for the purpose of development of rural tourism in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the locations identified therefor, State-wise; and
- (c) the potential of the rural tourism towards generating employment opportunities for the youths in rural areas of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SULTAN AHMED)

(a) & (b): Development and promotion of tourism is primarily undertaken by State Governments/UT Administrations. However, under its Rural Tourism Scheme, Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to them for activities involving development of rural tourism including propagation of the Gurukul process. So far, Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned CFA for tourism projects at 185 villages across the country.

(c): Development of rural tourism creates opportunities for livelihood and employment for the rural people, including youth, women and artisans.